

CURRENT TOPICS.

THE plans for making Paris a seaport have been deposited at the Hotel de Ville. The proposed canal from Rouen to Paris is to be 110 miles long and about 26 feet deep, and will cost 185,000,000 francs.

THE Ex-Chief Geronimo, who, with other subjugated Apache Indians, is living near Mobile, Ala., has been made a gardener at the military station where he is a captive, and is also a justice of the peace for the tribe.

GEN. OBRUTCHEFF, the newly-appointed commander of the Russian armies, is so stout that he can not sit in a saddle, nor is it likely, if he could do so, that there is anywhere a horse strong enough to bear his weight.

THE Russians have become so alive to the value of woman physicians that the imperial government has granted \$300,000 for a medical school for women, to be established at St. Petersburg. The site has been given by the city.

A EUROPEAN invention is a clock warranted to keep correct time for ten years without regulation or winding. One placed in the railway station at Brussels by the Belgian government, and sealed with the government seal, has kept perfect time since 1889.

ONE hundred and nine thousand locomotives are at present running on the earth. Europe has 63,000, America 40,000, Asia 3,300, Australia 2,000 and Africa, 700. In Europe, Great Britain and Ireland take premier position with 17,000 engines, Germany has 15,000, France 11,000.

A UNIQUE club of New York capitalists proposes to charter an ocean liner for a seven months' cruise, beginning in January. The vessel will afford all conveniences to the 200 passengers, who will pay about \$3,000 apiece. All the world's sea-coast points of interest are to be visited.

HINDOOSTAN is about twenty-five times as large as the state of New York, and the Sahara desert has almost exactly the number of square miles as the whole of the United States. The Mediterranean sea would cut the United States in two across its greatest breadth, making an open sea from New York to Vancouver.

PHILADELPHIA is going to try rapid transit for mails between the central post office and a sub-station that will be rapid. The trial is to consist of the building and operation of a pneumatic tube service. The tube is to extend from the post office to the sub-station at Third and Chestnut streets, and is to be laid by private enterprise.

THE mysteries of the Okefenokee swamp in southeastern Georgia, reaching down into Florida are soon to be solved. The Suwanee Canal Co. is now engaged in reclaiming this vast region, a positive terra incognita, not only for what it is confidently believed will prove a valuable agricultural district, but for the vast quantities of timber found in the swamp.

M. PASTEUR, the scientist, has been experimenting upon animals with what he calls "cholera vaccine," claiming that it entirely protects them against the virus of cholera when it is introduced into the intestines. It causes excruciating pain but does not result in death. It is now proposed to try the experiment upon prisoners of state held under Prince Damrong, of Siam, who is a friend and admirer of Pasteur.

A SCIENTIFIC writer says that if people on the star Sirius have telescopes powerful to distinguish objects on this planet, and are looking at it now, they are witnessing the destruction of Jerusalem, which took place over 1,800 years ago. Of course, the reason of this is that the light which the world reflects, traveling, as it does, at the rate of 186,000 miles per second, would take over eighteen centuries to reach the nearest fixed star.

QUEEN VICTORIA, it is said, intends to present Princess Mary, of Edinburgh, with a swan, modeled after that of the late King Louis, of Bavaria, which, by the way, was fashioned after the model in "Lohengrin." The designs have been made by the queen and Prince Beatrice, and neck and head are to be eighteen feet high. The body is to be an elegant cabin with seats for two persons, and by the aid of ingenious mechanism the model bark will move over the water as swiftly and noiselessly as a living swan.

MUCH of the paper money used in the Spanish-American republics is engraved in New York, and it not unfrequently happens that the same bank-note makers are called upon to furnish currency for successive revolutionary governments in the same republic. The engraved notes, waiting the signature of the proper officials, are sent by express to the government ordering them, and the plates are usually kept in safe-deposit vaults in that city. The engravers take care not to accept in payment for their work any of the notes they turn out.

A NEW departure in the collection of mail matter is shortly to be tried by the post office department in all cities and towns now enjoying the free delivery system. This department is to give the people of those cities and towns the convenience of a house-to-house collection of letters, papers, magazines, etc., to be mailed, and the opportunity of purchasing postage stamps of the mail carrier instead of being compelled to go to the post office or a neighboring drug store for them. It is believed that the public will find this innovation a great improvement upon the old method of mailing letters, etc.

The News Condensed

Important Intelligence From All Parts.

DOMESTIC.

JAMES SHOOK was shot dead by Dr. P. Turner at Elkhart, Ind., for refusing to leave his office when ordered to do so. Shook was under the influence of liquor at the time.

THE opera house and a block of business houses at Paragould, Ark., were destroyed by fire, entailing a heavy loss.

I. H. SHIVELY, a young farmer at Wichita, Kan., died at his home in terrible agony from hydrophobia.

WILLIAM M. RUNK, of the extensive dry goods firm of Darlington, Runk & Co., committed suicide at his country home at St. David's, near Philadelphia. A loss of \$250,000 was caused by the burning of Kinney Bros.' cigarette factory in New York.

C. T. PEPPER, a son of Senator Pepper, was killed by the wrecking of a freight train in Kansas, of which he was the engineer.

ONE person was killed and several others injured by a collision of freight trains near Binghamton, N. Y.

ALBERT FOSTER, who was to have been hanged for the murder of ex-Congressman John B. Morgan, committed suicide at Holly Springs, Miss.

TWENTY-FIVE men were injured, some of them fatally, by the caving in of a tunnel near Worthington, Ky.

WILLIAM B. CUTTER, of Buffalo, N. Y., was elected president of the National Real Estate congress in session at Buffalo.

REV. EDWARD ELLIS, pastor of the Bayview Baptist church of Milwaukee, died suddenly in the First Baptist church at Hudson, Wis., where he was in attendance upon the Baptist state anniversary.

HOT SPRINGS, S. D., was visited by an earthquake shock which lasted thirty seconds, for the first time in its history, no great damage was done.

ALEXANDER KNOCKS and William Otto, frescoers, while working on the fourth story of a building at Pittsburgh, Pa., fell to the cellar from the scaffold and were fatally injured.

GEORGE M. WITTAKER, editor of the New England Farmer, was fatally injured by the overturning of a tally-ho near Boston. Several other persons were also more or less injured.

In Lenore county, N. C., a negro farm-hand named Wakefield fatally shot and cut his wife and two colored men.

GEORGE S. McCULLOUGH, aged 70 years, and his grandson, Joseph McCullough, were killed by a railroad train at Excelsior Springs, Mo.

THE Sharon will case, which has been hanging fire so long in the California courts, has been finally settled, the supreme court declaring the so-called certificate of marriage between William Sharon and Sarah Althea Hill a forgery.

JAMES ROGERS and his wife, an aged couple, were found dead in the bedroom of their residence at Detroit. Gas escaping from a coal stove was supposed to have been the cause of the calamity.

The remains of Albert W. Johnston, of Pierre, S. D., who recently disappeared, were found in Whiskey Gulch with a note stating that he had shot himself.

MRS. MICHAEL COOK was murdered by an unknown person at La Porte, Ind. A lamp which exploded in a music store at Santa Barbara, Cal., started a fire that destroyed two business blocks entailing a heavy loss.

WILLIAM J. JAMISON was sentenced to be hanged at Quincy, Ill., for the murder of ex-Supervisor Charles Aaron last April.

At the leading clearing houses in the United States the exchanges during the week ended on the 7th aggregated \$1,393,352,015, against \$1,057,541,070 the previous week. The decrease as compared with the corresponding week of 1891 was 5.7.

In the United States the business failures during the seven days ended on the 10th numbered 220, against 208 the preceding week and 270 for the corresponding time last year.

THE two hundred and ninth anniversary of the first settlement of Germans in America under Pastorius was celebrated at Philadelphia.

MR. AND MRS. PEARSALL and a grandson, aged 7, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home at Sand Lake, Mich.

JOHN WILLIAMS and Mildred Brown (colored) were hanged at Spartanburg, S. C. Williams' crime was the killing of Mayor Henneman, of Spartanburg, and Mildred Brown, who is only thirteen years old, was hanged for the cruel murder of a baby.

ENGINEER SCHAFFER and Fireman Johnston, of a switching engine at the mines of the New York & Cleveland Gas Coal Company, near Pittsburgh, Pa., was smothered by the foul air in a tunnel.

THE dead body of Dr. W. B. Akery, of Lisbon, Ia., who left his daughter's home, one mile west of Stanwood, September 13, was found in a field near the road. He had been murdered and robbed.

At Contesville, Ind., Mrs. William Sharp poured kerosene oil over her husband while he was asleep and then applied a match, burning him to death. The woman was insane.

An attempt was made at Homestead by an unknown person to blow up a non-union boarding-house with dynamite. A cartridge was thrown through a window and exploded with terrific force, wrecking the room in which it fell, but no one was hurt.

W. W. WINDLE made a mile on a bicycle at Springfield, Mass., in 2:02 3-5, the fastest time on record.

WILLIAM WILSON was hanged at Anderson, S. C., for cruelly murdering his wife.

HORACE WRIGHT, a farmer living alone 10 miles north of Sparta, Wis., was found dead on the floor of his shanty.

ANNA TRIBLE, an unmarried colored woman, was hanged at Newberry, S. C., for the murder of her infant February 23 last.

In a fight with Tennessee moonshiners, S. D. Mather, a United States internal revenue collector, was killed, and two other collectors were mortally wounded.

FIERCE prairie fires were said to be raging near Williston, N. D. Over 75 miles square had been burned over and much property destroyed.

MRS. ANNA GRIFFIN, a 19-year-old divorcee, shot herself dead in the presence of her lawyer, A. W. Billings, at Cedar Rapids, Ia.

JOHN HORAN, of Henry, Ill., went to Lacon to attend a political rally, and becoming intoxicated was killed by the cars.

DURING the progress of a funeral procession with the body of a child at Creede, Col., a coach containing the corpse and four mourners were thrown down an embankment 150 feet high and two of the occupants received fatal injuries.

MYRIADS of grasshoppers have appeared in Buchanan and adjoining counties in Missouri and were rapidly destroying the winter wheat.

FREDERICK W. PIERCE, a prominent hotelkeeper of Coney Island, N. Y., committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver.

In the second series of the National league the percentages of the baseball clubs for the week ended on the 8th were: Cleveland, .708; Boston, .648; Brooklyn, .568; Pittsburgh, .556; New York, .531; Philadelphia, .507; Cincinnati, .507; Chicago, .480; Louisville, .449; Baltimore, .373; St. Louis, .338; Washington, .338.

A TRAIN on the Wabash railroad plunged into an open switch at the yards at Hammond, Ind., and six persons were injured, one fatally.

THOMAS BROOKS (colored) was hanged at Pickens, S. C., for the murder of Jerry Hughes, the town marshal of Eastley, on the night of June 21, 1892.

WILLIAM CUMMINGS walked into Cleveland, O., after a tramp from California. He is an old soldier and was after his discharge papers.

In a prize fight at Memphis, Tenn., between Jack Davis, of Texas, and Dick Barker, of Louisville, the latter received a blow which caused his death.

SILAS A. GETT, aged 68, one of the best known men in Allegheny county, N. Y., was carried over Niagara falls and lost.

THE two little children of Farmer Askmore, of Cleburne county, Ala., a boy and a girl, died from the effects of a rattlesnake bite.

JOHN CAVANAUGH and B. F. Berreto, New Orleans firemen, lost their lives in a burning building.

WILLIAM W. RICE, 26 years old, of Yonkers, N. Y., was arrested on the charge of having four living wives.

THE Georgia factory in Clark county, Ga., was burned, the loss being \$130,000. The Columbus celebration in New York began on the 8th with services in the Jewish synagogues. An elaborate programme covering six days has been arranged.

In a collision on the Panhandle road 8 miles east of Dayton, O., between a passenger and a freight train Joseph Nichols, engineer of the passenger train, was killed.

THE steamer Premier was struck by the steam collier Willamette in a dense fog south of Port Townsend, Wash., and five men were killed and seventeen badly injured.

TWELVE horses belonging to John Downey were cremated in a burning stable in Chicago.

DURING the twelve months ended on the 8th an even dozen of the 200 Gloucester fishing vessels were lost at sea and fifty-eight persons perished.

In a railway wreck near Weston, W. Va., four men were killed.

A PRAIRIE fire near Huron, S. D., burned over a stretch of country 10 miles wide and 20 miles long, and many prosperous farmers lost everything.

THE annual report of Capt. W. M. Meredith, chief of the bureau of engraving and printing, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1892, shows that treasury notes, certificates, etc., were issued to the value of \$709,760,800, and revenue stamps valued at \$154,000,000. The total expenditures during the year were \$1,216,555.

WHILE Rev. Thomas Allen (colored), chaplain of the Providence Presbyterian church in Washington, was in the middle of a sermon he fell dead from heart failure.

JACOB LAMBERT, a prominent farmer residing near Parkersburg, W. Va., was shot from ambush and killed. His son, Lewis, aged 20, was charged with the deed.

In the Columbus celebration in New York city on the 10th over 10,000 children paraded.

THE government crop report for October increases the yield of wheat, corn and oats. It shows a yield of 13 bushels of wheat and 24.3 bushels of oats per acre.

A FREIGHT train was wrecked while crossing a burning bridge near Savannah, Mo., the cars took fire and sixty head of cattle were roasted to death.

MRS. WILLIAM WOODRUFF and her brother, J. H. Whittles, were fatally injured in a runaway at Rockford, Ill.

THE 3-year-old son of Adam Hankner and the 5-year-old son of M. C. Plummer were burned to death in a barn at Fredericksburg, Ia.

RICHARD JOHNSON and his daughter, Johnetta, were murdered and cremated by negroes at Davis Ferry, Ala.

CHIEF JUSTICE PAXTON, of the state supreme court, in his charge to the grand jury at Pittsburgh, Pa., in the treason cases against the Homestead strikers said there was no excuse for the violence at Homestead and that the Carnegie company had a right to protect its property by importing armed guards.

DR. AUGUST G. SEIBERT, who was sent to Hamburg and Berlin by the health board of New York city to observe and report on the methods of quarantine against cholera in use there, has returned and says the only way in which cholera can be effectually kept out of this country is to stop immigration.

FRANK JOHNSON, being refused admittance to see his sweetheart, Lulu Warwick, by her father in Knott county, Ky., fatally shot Warwick and his son and another man.

CONRAD BENDER, a German tinner at Louisville, Ky., fatally shot his wife and then cut his own throat with a razor. Jealousy was the cause.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

ELECTION returns from Florida indicate that Mitchell (dem.) carried the state by fully 26,000 majority, and that Baskin (people's party) carried one county (Baker) by a majority of 15.

LATE returns from Georgia give Gov. Northen (dem.) 70,555 majority. The alliance candidate carried only eight out of 137 counties. The entire democratic congressional ticket was also elected.

The following congressional nominations have been made: Mississippi, Third district, G. W. Gayles (rep.); Rhode Island, First district, Melville Bull (rep.); Second district, A. B. Capron (rep.).

THOMAS CHASE, L. L. D., one of the revisers of the translation of the New Testament and an eminent Greek scholar, died at Providence, R. I.

MRS. MARY A. WRAY, the oldest actress on the American stage, died at New York, aged 87 years.

E. S. Sampson, a member of congress for two terms, died at his home in Sigourney, Ia.

The democratic state committee in session at Huron, S. D., formally decided not to fuse with the people's party.

MRS. SARAH SIDMAN, Rockland county's only centenarian, died at her home in Pomona, N. Y., aged 100 years, 4 months and 27 days.

GEORGE SHIRAS, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Pa., recently appointed to the United States supreme court, was installed in office.

MRS. ANNA M. JOHNSON, the oldest resident of Oklahoma territory, died in Guthrie, aged 101 years.

The democratic state central committee of Minnesota has withdrawn four of their eight presidential electors and endorsed four of the electors of the people's party.

GEORGE C. GREER, who was engineer of the Monitor in the engagement with the Merrimac during the late war, died at Charleston, S. C.

SOLOMON HIRSCH, who for the last three years has been the United States minister to Turkey, has tendered his resignation.

The Wisconsin legislature will meet in special session on the 17th inst. to make a new reapportionment.

FOREIGN.

An engagement between government troops and revolutionists in Venezuela resulted in the killing of 600 men, the government troops being routed. Many high government officials were made prisoners.

JOHN MERRYWEATHER TINSLEY (colored) died at Toronto, Ont., aged 109 years. He was born in Richmond, Va., July 1, 1783.

THE severest storms ever known in Mexico prevailed along the eastern coast, causing much damage to vessels and coast towns all the way from Tampico to Vera Cruz.

THE home of J. J. Luckey, Sr., a farmer 4 miles from Toledo, Ont., was destroyed by fire, and Mr. Luckey, his wife and daughter were burned to death.

BENJAMIN ANDERSON, Felix Stevenson and William Stevenson were drowned in Lake Winnipeg (Manitoba) by the upsetting of a boat.

GEN. CRESPO made his entrance into Caracas and has been declared president of the Venezuelan republic.

THE number of cholera cases in the Caucasus during August and September was 127,273; the number of deaths, 64,767.

LATER.

At Buffalo, N. Y., on the 11th, the jury in the case of Book-keeper Armstrong, charged with forgery in connection with the wrecking of the National Savings bank, returned a verdict of not guilty.

On the 11th C. V. Seward, editor of the Messenger at Stillwater, Minn., was probably fatally shot by George Peters, a young man who was some time ago employed as a reporter, but discharged for incompetency.

At Orono, Me., on the 11th two large digesters in the Bangor Pulp and Paper Company's mill exploded, causing the loss of two lives and the injury more or less serious of six persons. The digesters were valued at \$90,000. The total loss is over \$300,000.

A DISPATCH from La Guayra, Venezuela, states that on the night of the 9th the most destructive storm the city has ever experienced swept down the Caracas mountain. Many houses were wrecked by landslides and the damage, which spread over a wide area, was very great.

REPORTS from Humphrey, Robine and Cockett counties, Tenn., say that negro men are leaving there in droves. Crops and fields are being deserted and the exodus so far amounts to about 400.

It was announced on the 11th that Chicago university is to have the largest and most powerful telescope in the world. The object glass, which will be made by Alvan G. Clark, of Cambridgeport, Mass., will be forty-five feet in diameter. The telescope is a gift to the university from Charles T. Yerkes and will cost half a million dollars.

At Columbus, O., on the 11th one hundred switchmen in the Big Four yards quit work because of dissatisfaction with a new yard master. Not a wheel was turned.

JAMES L. BENNETT, formerly of the firm of Graft, Bennett & Co., and at one time president of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad, died at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 11th, of pneumonia. He had been ill only a few days.

CUSTOMS receipts at New York during the ten days ended October 10, aggregated \$2,904,302, slightly in excess of the amount for the corresponding period of last year.

THE Kiowa, Comanches and Apache tribes agreed on the 11th to treat with the government commissioners for their reservations south of Guthrie, O. T. They will receive 160 acres of land per head and two and a half million dollars. This will throw open to settlement over 4,000,000 acres of land.

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